

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 23-32 is the inclusion of the limitation of when the discriminator determines that the kind of device is not determined when the storing portion does not store the information indicating the kind of ink, and wherein when the discriminator discriminates that the kind of device is not determined, the communication controller prohibits the communicating means from communicating with the information processing apparatus. It is this limitation found in each of the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 33-38 is the inclusion of the method step of discriminating that the kind of device is not determined when the storing portion does not store the information indicating the kind of ink , and wherein when the discriminating step discriminates that the kind of device is not determined, the controlling step prohibits the communicating means from communicating with the information processing apparatus. It is this step found in each of the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON S. UHLENHAKE whose telephone number is (571)272-5916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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